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Dear Mom and Dad,

This week went by fast as all of them do. I didn't have to travel to Washington for a change and that is a relief. I do have to give another briefing next Friday, however.

Yesterday a heavy wet snow began as I left work. Luckily it changed to rain because we had tickets to the Baltimore Opera. The opera was "Martha" a 19th century French production which reminded us of Gilbert and Sullivan. I had a nap when I got home from work so I had no difficulty in staying awake during the Opera.

This afternoon the snow started again in advance of a cold front which is expected to drop the temperature into the teens by morning. I hope the snow stops soon since it is impossible to run when the sidewalks and street are snow-covered and icy. I'm glad your weather is mild. Someone in the office came back from San Diego today and said it was 80° and very pleasant. At least our weather makes us really appreciate the spring.

I have enclosed an article from the newspaper which describes your situation with respect to the equity you have in your house. Dad may want to get information from AARP.

I have also enclosed the airline certificates which are good on both Eastern and Continental. May is probably the best time to visit and we will set a day before too long. We have lots of ideas for things to do and are looking forward to your visit. I'm sure the cat won't cause you any problems as he is normally quite docile unless aroused by deliberate provocation which I sometimes do. Lately he has taken to waiting for the door to open and making a mad dash to get outside. Occasionally he does but the cold and wet stop him on the porch and we can pick him up before he gets into the yard.

Please say hello to Mary and Diane and I will call again soon,

Love,

Jim & Vickie